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Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
Section of Environmental Analysis  
1925 "K" Street, N.W., Room 504  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**RE: Docket No. AB-33(Sub-No.175X), Union Pacific Railroad  
Company - Abandonment Exemption - - In Hamilton County,  
Iowa (Ellsworth Industrial Lead)**

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Dear Mr. Williams:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received a request from the Iowa Trails Council representing the Hamilton County Conservation Board of Hamilton County, Iowa requesting the issuance of a Certificate or Notice of Interim Trail Use pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 regarding that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way known as the Ellsworth Industrial Lead from M. P. 0.0 near Jewell to the end of the track at M. P. 3.2 at Ellsworth, a distance of 3.2 miles in Hamilton County, Iowa (the "Line").

The Union Pacific is willing to negotiate with the Iowa Trails Council concerning the acquisition of the subject property for trail use and supports the Council's request to negotiate for a period of 180 days. A copy of the Iowa Trails Council's request dated October 18, 2006 is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and hereby made a part hereof.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter with exhibits are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures

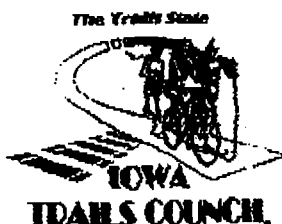
cc: Tom F. Neenan  
Iowa Trails Council

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EXHIBIT A



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Dear Mr. Williams:

With reference to AB-33 ( Sub No. 175X) we wish to request a second 180 days in which to continue negotiations to acquire the Union Pacific Railroad's right-of-way in Hamilton County, Iowa, in an area between Jewell and Ellsworth.

This time is required as we have not had an opportunity to thoroughly examine the maps just recently furnished by the railroad. We trust the additional time granted by the STB will allow for serious negotiations in this matter.

In addition to the faxed copy of this letter we are providing by regular mail ten copies for distribution to board members. We are also faxing copies of this letter to the Omaha and Chicago offices of the Union Pacific Railroad. It is our belief that the railroad will cooperate in agreeing to the extension of time we are requesting.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan